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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ELEKDAG-NIMETZ MEETING

1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL ON AUGUST 28 DELIVERED THE
FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM TURKISH MFA SECGEN ELEKDAG TO
COUNSELOR NIMETZ. BEGIN TEXT:

I MADE A COMPREHENSIVE AND DETAILED PRESENTATION OF OUR
TALKS IN A MEETING AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL. I EXPLAINED IN
PARTICULAR THE EXPECTATIONS OF PRESIDENT CARTER, OF THE
ADMINISTRATION AND OF THOSE MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS WHO
HAVE SUPPORTED TURKEY, MY IMPRESSIONS ON THE FUTURE OF U.S.
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-TURKISH COOPERATION AND YOUR STATEMENTS AS WELL AS THOSE
OF MR. CHRISTOPHER ON THAT SCORE. I BELIEVE THESE HAVE
BEEN VERY HELPFUL.

THE GOVERNMENT IS IN THE PROCESS OF TAKING A DECISION IN
LIGHT OF MY EXPLANATIONS. IN ORDER TO MEET THE EXPECTATIONS
OF BOTH SIDES, WE BELIEVE THAT THIS DECISION SHOULD PRECEDE

THE CERTIFICATION AND DETERMINATION TO BE MADE BY PRESIDENT CARTER. I BELIEVE IT WILL BE EXTREMELY USEFUL IF WE MET BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT TOOK A DECISION. MY COMING TO THE UNITED STATES AGAIN IN THE COMING DAYS OR YOUR VISIT TO TURKEY WILL CAUSE UNDUE SPECULATION. I SHALL BE MAKING AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO SWEDEN FROM SEPTEMBER 3 TO SEPTEMBER 6.

I CAN STAY IN MUNICH FOR ONE OR TWO DAYS AS OF SEPTEMBER 6 EVENING. IF YOU COULD STOP OVER IN MUNICH ON YOUR WAY BACK FROM CYPRUS, WE CAN MEET FOR A FEW HOURS AT THE TURKISH CONSULATE GENERAL IN MUNICH. I WOULD NOT HAVE PROPOSED A DEVIATION FROM YOUR NORMAL ROUTE WERE I NOT CONVINCED OF THE USEFULNESS OF SUCH A MEETING.

HOPING TO RECEIVE AN EARLY REPLY. END TEXT.

2. EVENING OF AUGUST 28 AMBASSADOR ESENBEL WAS INFORMED THAT COUNSELOR NIMETZ WAS PREPARED TO FLY TO VIENNA TO MEET WITH ELEKDAG ON SEPTEMBER 7 EN ROUTE TO PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED BILATERAL MEETINGS IN BUCHAREST. THIS WILL REQUIRE NIMETZ TO OVERNIGHT IN ATHENS NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 6. IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED HE WILL MEET WITH ANY GOG OFFICIALS WHILE IN ATHENS.

3. TURKISH EMBASSY INFORMED COUNSELOR'S OFFICE MORNING OF AUGUST 29 THAT ELEKDAG COULD ARRIVE VIENNA EVENING OF
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SEPTEMBER 6 TO MEET WITH COUNSELOR NIMETZ SEPT. 7 AT TURKISH EMBASSY AT 11:00 A.M. ELEKDAG WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY ERALP AND TUYGAM. THE COUNSELOR ACCEPTED AND TURKS WERE INFORMED THAT EWING WILL ACCOMPANY. ACCEPTANCE MESSAGE FROM ELEKDAG EMPHASIZED POTENTIAL IMPORTANCE OF MEETING AND NEED FOR STRICTEST CONFIDENTIALITY.

4. FOR ATHENS: YOU SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT INFORM GOG AT THIS TIME OF NIMETZ PLAN TO TRANSIT ATHENS OR HIS NEED TO SPEND NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 6 IN ATHENS. FURTHER TRAVEL DETAILS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR INFORMING GOG WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL. CHRISTOPHER

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